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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below beneath my name:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which
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 X is attached hereto was filed on as Application S.N. and was amended on

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

| (Number) | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) | YES | NO |
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